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Applicant : Murakami et al.

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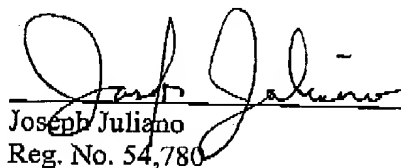
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The following interview summary is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.2 and 37 C.F.R. 133(b). In a telephonic interview on August 30, 2004, the Examiner and Joseph Juliano discussed independent claims 26 and 35. In particular, proposed language to amend the claims to clarify the claimed subject matter was proposed to the examiner. The proposed language would be added to the end of the claims and was included in a 413A interview request sheet as:

wherein allocating a vehicle to effectuate an efficient battery charging operation in the fleet comprises allocating a vehicle with a state of charge corresponding to a non-linear charging rate if such a vehicle is available, otherwise allocating a vehicle with a state of charge corresponding to a linear charging rate.

In response to the proposed language, the Examiner noted that he believed the proposed amendments would better define claims 26 and 35, were similar to allowable subject matter in claim 42, and should be included in a response to the office action. No prior art was discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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